

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and apparatus for compensating for deficiencies existing in programs to assist a user through installing a program. Polling the status of jobs requested by the user of a workstation is done so that the user may eventually be provided with status reports

5 regarding the jobs being executed. The user can set parameters during loading of SMPE libraries, install, migrate, fallback, remigrate and update procedures for the program. An indication is provided to a user of a workstation as steps of a task have been completed by the user. The health of catalog and directory databases may be verified before a migrate procedure is performed. The user of the program can be informed regarding parameters

10 whose default values have changed, which parameters are of particular concern to the specific user.